

HOW THE CHINESE GET RAIN**Peculiar Practices In Vogue In the Celestial Kingdom.**

It is one of the peculiarities of the Chinese that, while they have developed elaborate philosophies, none of them has led to any confidence in the uniformity of nature. Neither the people nor their rulers have any fixed opinion as to the causes of rainfall. The plan in some provinces when the need of rain is felt is to borrow a god from a neighboring district and petition him for the desired rain. If his answer is satisfactory, he is returned to his home with every mark of honor; otherwise he may be put out in the sun as a hint to wake up and do his duty. A bunch of willow is usually thrust into his hand, as willow is sensitive to moisture.

Another plan in extensive use is the building of special temples in which are wells containing several iron tablets. When there is a scarcity of rain, a messenger starts out with a tablet marked with the date of the journey and the name of the district making the petition. Arriving at another city, he pays a sum of money and is allowed to draw a new tablet from the well, throwing in his own by way of exchange. On the return journey he is supposed to eat only bran and travel at top speed day and night. Sometimes he passes through districts as greatly in need of rain as his own. Then the people in these places waylay him, and, temporarily borrowing his tablet, get the rain intended for another place.

Prayers are usually made in the fifth and sixth months when the rainfall is always due, and limit of ten days is set for their effective operation. Under such conditions rain usually falls during the prescribed time. When the prayers are in progress, the umbrella, among other objects, comes under the ban. In some provinces foreigners have been mobbed for carrying this harmless article at that time.

DEATH BY ARSENIC.**The Way This Poison Acts Upon the Human System.**

When a single dose of arsenic in sufficient quantity to be felt has been taken, colicky pains, bowel disorder and perhaps nausea result. In the course of an hour after a poisonous dose has been taken an intense burning pain is felt in the esophagus and stomach. This spreads to the entire anterior portion of the lower part of the trunk. A sense of constriction at the throat and an acrid, metallic taste accompany the pain. Then vomiting and relaxation of the bowels begin. As the case progresses the symptoms increase in intensity. Then comes a thirst that water will not allay, although it apparently increases the stomach disturbance. The victim groans and writhes.

Now he implores the doctor to save him. Then he begs to be killed and put out of pain. The extremities become icy. The pulse is small, feeble and frequent, and the breathing is labored, embarrassed and painful because of abdominal tenderness. The surface of the body becomes dark and of that bluish color that medical men call cyanosis. Violent cramps add their torture, exhaustion becomes collapse, convulsions or coma ensues, and death ends the agony. This torture lasts sometimes from five to twenty hours.

In some cases these symptoms occur, but in a modified form, and the doctor will apparently get the better of the disease. The remission will be but for a day or two. Then the abdomen will swell, and icy coldness will pervade the frame. Shivering will become pronounced trembling, then cramps, convulsions and death.

Birds Are Like Human Beings.
Canaries, like human beings, vary very much in character, some cocks being so indifferent and idle that they will let the hen do all the work of building and rearing, while they themselves sit and plume their feathers. Others, again, are perfect gentlemen in their manners, waiting on the hen with a quiet courtesy and seeing that all she requires is at once brought to her. Again, the hens vary in disposition, some hens behaving in a quiet, modest way, attending to their young ones with regularity, while others are in a constant state of chatter with their husbands, pecking and arguing with them every time they go near. Thus we see that these little birds have their fits and domestic quarrels, not unlike ourselves.—Chambers' Journal.

To Cure the Stammerer.
It is said that stammerers rarely if ever show any impediment of speech when speaking in whispers. On this fact method of treatment has been advocated, which is as follows: For the first ten days speaking is prohibited. This will allow rest to the voice and constitutes the preliminary stage of treatment. During the next ten days speaking is permissible in the whispering voice, and in the course of the next fifteen days the ordinary conversation tone may be gradually employed.

Not to Blame.
She—Saturday is our silver wedding. Don't you think we ought to kill the pig and have a feast?

He—Kill the pig? I don't see why the poor animal is to blame for what happened twenty-five years ago.—London Tit-Bits.

A Way to Kill.
Fashionable Doctor (out for a day's shooting)—Never saw such luck. What's the matter with the birds? I can't kill one of them!

Most—Write 'em a prescription, doc-

tor!

It is stated that when the husband is younger than the wife the offspring is more apt to be a girl than a boy.

TAX SALE.**Public Sale of Real Estate.**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a warrant issued by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, and State of New Jersey, bearing date of the 18th day of May, 1903, to make a public sale for a shorter term not exceeding thirty years, for which any person or persons will agree to take the same and pay such taxes, with the interest thereon, from the twentieth day of December, A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and One, together with all costs, fees, charges and expenses.

P. No. 1 6 J. G. Wright, lot 90x116, Carteret street. \$8 13
1 16 Emeilie Adams, lots 100x160, Ashland and Maolis avenues. 11 38
1 19 Anna L. Moffatt or Robert Kay, out buildings and lots 60x160, Linden Place. 24 38
28 Emeilie A. Adams, house and lots, 200x150, Maolis and Ashland avenues. 87 75
11 Emeilie A. Adams, lots 55x160, Clinton street and Linden avenue. 11 38
11 Emeilie A. Adams, lots 125x160, Clinton street and Linden avenue. 14 63
21 Emeilie A. Adams, lots 50x185, Maolis avenue and Clinton street. 6 50
20 Emeilie A. Adams, lots 15x175, Ashland avenue and Clinton street. 19 50
2 22 Emeilie A. Adams, lots 250x150, Ashland and Maolis avenues, Chas. Lightipe, lots 50x125, Morse avenue. 3 35
3 1 Emeilie A. Adams, lot 50x150, Glenwood and Llewellyn avenues. 43 88
3 19 Josephine M. Fritz, lot 25x100, Llewellyn avenue. 16 25
3 21 Josephine M. Fritz, house and lot, 50x150, Llewellyn avenue. 32 50
3 22 Josephine A. Fritz, 2 houses and lots 50x100, Llewellyn avenue. 63 38
3 23 Walter P. Lindsay, lot 50x150, Peabody street and lots 50x100, Llewellyn avenue. 68 98
3 30 J. Bayard Kirkpatrick, lot 25x 100, Llewellyn park. 1 63
3 4 A. R. Lockwood, lots 100x110, Proposed street rear Hoffman, Augustus Lawrence, lots 100x 100, and 100x110, street adjoining Samuel M. Dodd. 13 00
6 17 Hannah Claven, lot 35x135, Westcott street. 6 50
6 27 Unknown, lot 50x100, Prospect street. 6 50
7 3 D. Bingham, lot 30x100, Westcott street. 3 25
7 29 Mrs. James Foster, house and lot 40x138, Willow street. 27 00
8 2 Sherman Cox, lots 140x138, Willow street. 58 00
8 6 John Hyde, lots 50x138, Myrtle street. 9 75
9 29 Joseph Smith, house and lot 58x 140, Willow street. 21 13
10 18 Unknown, lot 50x100, Newark Avenue. 1 63
10 19 John Hyde, 2 houses, 40x138, Orange street and Watseassing Avenue. 97 50
11 10 Estate of Thos. K. Archer, house and lot 50x100, Watseassing Avenue. 81 25
11 18 Estate Mrs. Peter Henn, house and lot 35x100, Charles street. 22 75
11 28 Gaynor Godby Hayes, house and lot 30x115, Ella street. 18 88
12 3 John Batzle, lots 161x117, Charles street. 21 13
13 18 Patrick Donnelly, lots 50x135, Peabody street to East Maolis avenue. 9 75
13 27 Estate Wm. McGinley, house and lot 25x135, Peabody street to East Maolis avenue. 16 25
13 28 G. W. Gray, lots 100x100, Mill 130, Myrtle street. 299 00
14 14 Geo. H. Wilde, lots 32x88, 30x88, Hinrichs Place. 6 50
14 16 Charles Downs, lots 60x80, Hinrichs Place. 6 50
17 19 John H. Ross, lot 92x70, Bloomfield avenue and Railroad. 6 50
17 19 Mary A. Rinker, house and lot 50x150, Brookside place. 38 38
17 21 Louis A. Bennett, house and lot 35x125, Brookside place. 26 00
17 26 John Whalen, lots 60x100, Brookside place. 4 88
17 27 Anne Bush Maclear, house and lot 25x100, Brookside place. 39 25
17 29 John H. Ross, lots 50x100, Brookside place. 6 50
18 5-6 John N. Poole, 2 houses and lots 25x100, Brookside place. 61 73
18 26-27 G. W. Gray, lots 100x100, Mill 130, Myrtle street. 31 88
18 28 Geo. W. Gray, lots 40x138, Brookside place. 8 00
18 29 C. Mann, lot 57x100, Bloomfield Avenue, balance. 88 00
21 3 Barbaudo Zarra, lot, rear of Belmont Avenue. 3 25
21 4 V. Delia, lot 25x45, rear of Belmont Avenue. 1 63
21 5 Vincenzo Delta, lot 25x38, rear of Belmont Avenue. 1 63
22 1 Nicola Biblo, lot 7x10, Bloomfield Avenue, corner Thomas Street. 4 48
22 9 Julia E. Preston, lot 25x100, Thomas Street. 3 25
22 15 Giuseppe Polande, 1 lot 25x100, Thomas street. 3 25
22 23 Lamantini's Casino, lot 25x 100, 196, Edison street. 3 25
22 5 J. Hunt, lot 25x100, Thomas street. 3 25
22 6 Geo. W. Gray, lots 40x138, Brookside place. 71 50
24 12 Victor Constant, lots 100x282, Berkeley Avenue and West Parkway. 48 75
24 13 Victor Constant, lots 312x358, Berkeley Avenue and West Parkway. 81 25
24 14 Victor Constant, lots 212x402, Berkeley Avenue and West Parkway. 91 00
24 15 Emeilie A. Eddy, lots 80x350, Florence Avenue and Franklin Street. 58 50
24 20 John R. Hardin, 3 houses and lots 57x107, Watseassing Avenue. 97 50
24 21 John R. Hardin, lots 60x107, Watseassing Avenue. 78 00
24 22 Isaac M. Williams, lots 250x150, West and East Parkway. 9 75
24 28 Isaac M. Williams, building and lot 42x350, West and East Parkway. 26 00
24 29 Geo. W. Gray, lots 40x138, Lexington and Florence Avenue. 68 25
25 3 Margaret S. Hodge, lots 350x200, Lexington and Florence Avenue. 98 25
25 4 Geo. W. Gray, lot 50x130, Lexington and Florence Avenue. 87 75
25 5 William Carter, lots 75x150, Bloomfield Avenue, Willard Place. 39 50
25 6 William Carter, lots 75x150, Bloomfield Avenue, Willard Place. 74 75
25 17 Granville N. Wicks, lots 90x500x 200, Franklin street. 49 35
25 18 Sarah E. Mahaffy, house and lots 150x150, Franklin Street, Willard Place. 75 75
25 19 Michael Maginnis, house 50x200, Bloomfield Avenue. 50 00
25 20 Estate Peter Higgins, lot 250x141, Franklin Street. 11 38
25 21 Estate Patrick Dailey, house and lot 60x116, Hill street, balance. 66 75
25 22 Estate R. R. Morris, house and lots 115x135, Hill street and Belpointe Avenue. 34 18
25 23 Edward F. Farrand, house and lot 60x116, Hill street, balance. 196 00
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